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MICN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE

To define the requirements for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) certification within the ICEMA Region.

PROCEDURE

Initial MICN Certification

- 1. Possess a current California RN License
- 2. Successfully complete the ICEMA approved MICN course with a passing score of at least eighty percent (80%), and within six (6) months of course completion, submit the appropriate ICEMA application with:
 - a. Fee as set by ICEMA. The fee is not refundable or transferable.
 - b. Written verification of employment at a designated Base Station within the ICEMA Region.
 - c. A signed copy (front and back) of the individual's current American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card.
 - d. A signed copy (front and back) of the individual's current Advanced Cardiac Life Support Card.
 - e. Copy of current government issued photo identification (i.e. Driver's License)
- 3. Photo taken at ICEMA when application is submitted. Applicant may submit a driver's license size photo (no tinted glasses or hats) with their application.
- 4. Upon completion of 1-3 above, the applicant will be scheduled to take the ICEMA written examination.
- 5. Upon passing the ICEMA written examination with a minimum score of eighty percent (80%), a provisional MICN card will be issued.

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a. A candidate who fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the first attempt must pay the ICEMA approved fee and re-take the examination with a score of at least 85%.

- b. A candidate who fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the second attempt must pay the ICEMA approved fee, and provide documentation of eight (8) hours of remedial training given by their PLN/Medical Director relating to ICEMA protocols, policies/procedures and pass the ICEMA written examination with a minimum score of 85%.
- c. If the candidate fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the third attempt, the applicant must repeat the course and reapply.
- 6. A provisional MICN may function under the direct supervision of the Base Station MD, PLN or ICEMA approved designee for a maximum of six (6) months. The supervising individual must sign all MICN call forms. This timeframe may be extended upon receipt of a request in writing from either the candidate or PLN outlining any extenuating circumstances.
- 7. The PLN will choose three (3) tapes for review (one trauma, one medical and one other) and submit them to their partnered Base Station PLN for review.
- 8. When three (3) tapes meet ICEMA criteria, a MICN card will be issued with the same expiration date as the candidates RN license.
- 9. Failure to complete the entire process within one (1) year of application date constitutes failure of the entire process. The timeframe may be extended by the ICEMA Medical Director upon receipt of a request in writing from either the candidate or PLN outlining any extenuating circumstances.

Continuous MICN Certification

- 1. Possess a current California RN License and current ICEMA MICN certification.
- 2. Submit the appropriate completed ICEMA application with:
 - a. Fee as set by ICEMA. The fee is not refundable or transferable.
 - b. Written verification of employment at a designated Base Station within the ICEMA Region.

(This requirement may be waived for RN's that work in EMS for non base stations in administrative or supervisory positions that require MICN certification. Written request for waiver from the RN's supervisor or Fire

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Chief must be submitted to ICEMA. Evidence of field care audits and other CE classes taught will replace the radio time. Requests will be reviewed on an individual basis by ICEMA.)

- A signed copy (front and back) of the individual's current American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card.
- d. A signed copy (front and back) of the individual's current Advanced Cardiac Life Support Card.
- e. Documentation of eight (8) hours of field time.
- f. Documentation of one (1) ICEMA approved Skills Day.
- g. Documentation of six (6) hours of field care audits obtained within the ICEMA region.
- h. Documentation of two (2) consecutive ICEMA Annual Review Class (ARC), one during each year of certification.
- i. Continuous certification applicants not meeting item h above requirement must pay testing fee as set by ICEMA and successfully pass the ICEMA written examination with a minimum score of 80%.

ICEMA written examination does not replace or fulfill the requirement for a Skills Day or Field Care Audits. These must be completed prior to recertification

- 3. Current photo (within last 6 months) on file at ICEMA. Applicant may submit a driver's license size photo (no tinted glasses or hats) with their application.
- 4. If the certification has lapsed for more than one (1) year, the applicant must comply with the above Initial Certification Procedure.
- 5. Individuals certified less than six (6) months must submit a new application and a current state license. No education is required and a fee is not applicable.

Individuals certified more than six (6) months but less than one (1) year must submit a new application, pay the ICEMA approved fee, items a-c above and complete one (1) ARC, three (3) hours of field care audits and either a skills day or eight (8) hours of field time.

Individuals certified more than one (1) year must complete all requirements.

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Inactive MICN Certification

- 1. Maintain a current California RN License.
- 2. Submit the appropriate completed ICEMA application with all of the following documentation every two (2) years of inactivation.
 - a. Copy of front and back of a current, signed ACLS Card.
 - b. Copy of front and back of current California RN License.
 - c. Documentation of one (1) ICEMA approved Skills Day taken during the year of inactivation.
 - d. Documentation of six (6) hours of field care audits obtained within the ICEMA region.
 - e. Documentation of one (1) ICEMA Annual Review class for each year of inactivation.

Return to Active MICN Status

- 1. Submit the appropriate ICEMA application with documentation of all inactive MICN Certification requirements and written verification of employment at a designated Base Station within the ICEMA Region.
 - (This requirement may be waived for RN's that work in EMS for non base stations in administrative or supervisory positions that require MICN certification. Written request for waiver from the RN's supervisor or Fire Chief must be submitted to ICEMA. Evidence of field care audits and other CE classes taught will replace the radio time. Requests will be reviewed on an individual basis by ICEMA.)
- 2. A provisional MICN may function under the direct supervision of the Base Station MD, PLN or ICEMA approved designee for a maximum of six (6) months. The supervising individual must sign all MICN call forms.
- 3. After obtaining a provisional MICN, the individual must complete eight (8) hours of field time.
- 4. The PLN will choose three (3) tapes for review (one trauma, one medical and one other) and submit them to their partnered Base Station PLN for review.

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5. When three (3) tapes meet ICEMA criteria, a MICN card will be issued with the same expiration date as the candidates RN license.

6. Failure to complete the entire process within one (1) year of application date constitutes failure of the entire process. The timeframe may be extended by the ICEMA Medical Director upon receipt of a request in writing from either the candidate or PLN outlining any extenuating circumstances.

Certification by Challenge Examination

- 1. Possess a current California RN License.
- 2. Meet one (1) of the following eligibility requirements:
 - a. MICN in another county within previous twelve (12) months
 - b. MICN in ICEMA Region, but has let certification expire within the previous forty-eight (48) months, and has not fulfilled requirements for inactive MICN status
- 3. Submit the appropriate ICEMA application with:
 - a. Fee as set by ICEMA.
 - b. Written verification of employment at a designated Base Station within the ICEMA Region.
 - c. Copy of front and back of a current, signed CPR and ACLS Cards.
 - d. Copy of front and back of current California RN License.
- 4. Photo taken at ICEMA when application is submitted. Applicant may submit a driver's license size photo (no tinted glasses or hats) with their application.
- 5. Upon completion of 1-4 above, the applicant will be scheduled to take the ICEMA written examination.
- 6. Upon passing the ICEMA written examination with a minimum score of 80%, a provisional MICN card will be issued.
 - a. A candidate who fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the first attempt will have to pay the ICEMA approved fee and re-take the written examination with a minimum score of 85%.

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b. A candidate who fails to pass the ICEMA written examination on the second attempt will be deemed ineligible for challenge certification. Applicant will need to take an ICEMA approved MICN course and comply with initial certification requirements.

- 7. Upon passing the ICEMA written examination with a minimum score of 80%, the individual may then function as a provisional MICN under the direct supervision of the Base Station MD, PLN or ICEMA approved designee. The supervising individual must sign all MICN call forms.
- 8. The PLN will choose three (3) tapes for review (one trauma, one medical and one other).
- 9. When three (3) tapes meet ICEMA criteria, a MICN card will be issued with the same expiration date as the candidates RN license.
- 10. Failure to complete the entire process within one (1) year of application date constitutes failure of the entire process. The timeframe may be extended by the ICEMA Medical Director upon receipt of a request in writing from either the candidate or PLN outlining any extenuating circumstances.

MICN Recertification for RN's Working in a Non-Base Station (MICN – A)

Applies to MICN's working in administrative/supervisory positions which have been approved by ICEMA:

- a. Must complete 2c through 2e under Initial Certification above.
- b. Fee as set by ICEMA
- c. Must submit proof of employment with an approved non base station employer.
- d. Must teach or attend an additional skills day.
- e. Must teach or attend an additional six (6) hours of field care audits.

If employment with approved entity is terminated the MICN must change status to inactive unless employed by a Base Station or another approved non Base Station employer.

This certification may be converted to regular MICN status upon written verification of employment at a designated Base Station within the ICEMA Region.